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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUAN DURAN
HAS GIVEN THE CHARGE THE FOLLOWING READ-OUT REGARDING
THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA
WHICH IN SOME RESPECTS AMPLIFIES OR VARIES FROM THE
REPORT IN REFTEL.

2. DURAN SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA WAS VERY
PLEASED WITH THE CONVERSATION. HE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED
THE U.S. SUPPORT WITH REGARD TO THE CANARIES ISSUE.
IN THIS REGARD HE HAD FORGOTTEN, HOWEVER, TO MENTION
TANZANIA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THEREFORE, NOW ASKED
THAT THE U.S. INCLUDE TANZANIA AMONG THE COUNTRIES TO
WHICH IT WOULD MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE
SPANISH POSITION.

3. OREJA ALSO APPRECIATED THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW OF THE
CONCLUSIONS OF THE NATO SUMMIT, AND DURAN SAID THAT THE
GOVERNMENT LOOKED FORWARD TO A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING
ON THE SUMMIT. HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR
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SOMEONE WHO HAD ACTUALLY BEEN INVOLVED TO UNDERTAKE
THIS BRIEFING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FULL AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON NATO.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE NATO DEBATE WITHIN SPAIN, DURAN
SAID OREJA HAD STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO
BEGIN THE DEBATE SOME TIME BETWEEN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR

AND FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR. (AS INDICATED MOST RECENTLY IN THE CONVERSATIONS REPORTED IN MADRID 06249, WE CONTINUE TO GET DIFFERENT SIGNALS FROM DIFFERENT SPANISH SOURCES ON WHEN THE NATO DEBATE MAY ACTUALLY BEGIN IN SPAIN.)

5. DURAN ALSO SAID OREJA HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT A "BEGINNING" TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE GIBRALTAR PROBLEM WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SPAIN TO ENTER INTO NATO. THIS HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY THE FORMULATION THAT HE AND OTHERS HAVE USED IN THE PAST RATHER THAN REFERRING TO THE NEED FOR "A SOLUTION."

6. ON A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, DURAN SAID OREJA UNDERSTOOD THAT, ALTHOUGH A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN JULY WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY, IT WAS NOW DOUBTFUL. IF IT DID OCCUR, A COUNCIL MEETING COULD BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH IT. IF IT DID NOT, THE COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UN MEETING IN NEW YORK. OREJA HAS MADE STATEMENTS ALONG THESE LINES TO THE PRESS HERE. EATON

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